The ARRL proposal is a good way to upgrade many techs into the HF spectrum. The requirement of CW to earn a genral ticket should be dropped as CW is just a mode of operation and does not indicate if the ham will be a good operator. Other hams are concerned that current techs do not have the techinical backgound for the upgrade. If that is the case then have the current techs take the general theory test to qualify for the upgrade. Drop the code.